

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 20 as follows.

1. (Amended) A wire belt comprising:

a plurality of wire strands, each of said plurality of wire strands being linked with at least one adjacent wire strand in said wire belt, each of said plurality of wire strands comprising:

a first end and a second end; and

a plurality of linking portions forming an undulating shape between said first end and said second end, said plurality of linking portions being linked with respective linking portions in said at least one adjacent wire strand so as to form a plurality of joints in said wire belt, said plurality of linking portions including a compound Z-shape formation defined by a plurality of angled segments.

20. (Amended) A method of forming a wire belt comprising:

providing a plurality of wire strands,

bending each of said plurality of wire strands in at least one of a first and a second dimension and forming a plurality of linking portions between a first end and a second end, said first end including a first edge loop and said second end including a second edge loop;

bending each of said plurality of wire strands to form a third dimensional bend;

ad linking said plurality of linking portions with respective linking portions in
at least one adjacent wire strand so as to form a wire belt of a predetermined length.
